Post and Telegraph offices in Tribal and backward area of Gujarat

3715. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there are demand for opening of Post and Telegraph offices in various districts and places of Gujarat particularly, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Backward Areas;

(b) if so, what are the demands during 1st January, 1982 to 31st July, 1987;

(c) by when it is likely to be installed;

(d) the number of Post Officers and Telegraph Offices have been opened during the above period in various districts and places of Gujarat and the names and places thereof;

(e) what is the amount spent on each ones; and

(f) what is the approximate number likely to be opened during 1st September 1987 to 31st December, 1987 in the above and the estimated expenditure thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) *Postal.* During the period 1.1.1982 to 31.7.1987 demands had been received for opening of 46 post offices (including areas inhabited by weaker sections of the population) in Gujarat.

Telecom-, The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Postal: Post offices have been opened in 19 villages. The other proposals were not justified as per norms.

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(d) and (e) Postal: The required information is furnished in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIII Annexure No. 142].

Telecom; The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(f) *Postal;* There are no proposal to open new post offices during the period 1.9.1987 to 31.12.1987.

Telecom; The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone exchanges in each district of Gujarat

3716. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposals for the establishment of Telephone Exchanges at the level of all the district centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of district centres which are without telephone exchanges in Gujarat;

(d) the amount spent for establishment of telephone exchanges in the district of Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Bhavnagar, Amreli and other districts and Taluka centres in Gujarat; and

(e) the names and details of Taluka centres, district centres and other places are planned and considered for the establishment and opening of the same during 1st October, 1987 to 31st December, 1989 and the amount likely to be spent at each places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE; MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) to (c) Out of 443 District Centres in the countfry, 441 are already having